



# Broiler Hatchery

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## Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 13, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 13, 2003 were 6.22 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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**Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,273	29,323	29,056	*28,718	*29,240	27,938
AR	30,785	30,529	30,884	30,223	30,875	29,368
DE	3,877	3,948	4,057	3,837	3,792	3,561
FL	1,353	1,354	1,354	1,353	*1,357	1,329
GA	*32,607	*32,281	*32,556	32,501	30,946	31,287
KY	6,847	*6,890	*6,760	6,779	6,325	5,625
LA	3,831	3,861	3,845	3,878	3,923	3,771
MD	9,402	9,249	*9,420	9,293	8,869	8,371
MS	19,194	19,187	18,882	18,327	18,686	18,024
NC	17,331	17,274	*17,063	17,004	16,305	16,229
OK	6,490	5,979	6,061	6,349	6,338	6,586
PA	3,738	3,607	3,697	*3,568	3,674	3,517
SC	4,393	4,535	4,375	4,635	4,681	4,551
TX	14,483	14,412	14,479	14,508	14,647	14,002
VA	6,472	6,432	6,411	6,333	*6,024	6,108
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,485	16,485	16,909	15,739	*14,739	15,880
19 State Total	*206,561	*205,346	*205,809	*203,045	*200,421	196,147
Previous Year Total	205,483	206,097	204,776	204,042	203,517	191,797
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	101	100	98	102

\* Revised

**Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending					
	Aug 9 2003	Aug 16 2003	Aug 23 2003	Aug 30 2003	Sep 6 2003	Sep 13 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,919	21,844	22,084	*21,871	*22,012	21,482
AR	24,152	23,866	24,485	25,015	24,254	25,584
DE	4,726	5,024	*4,741	5,302	5,213	5,784
FL	1,616	1,654	1,727	1,722	*1,831	2,056
GA	26,285	26,217	25,316	*26,162	*25,074	25,937
KY	5,863	6,107	6,072	5,810	*5,848	5,850
LA	3,755	3,866	3,401	3,601	3,545	3,740
MD	6,568	6,344	*6,508	5,718	5,287	5,293
MS	16,433	16,292	16,415	16,247	16,396	16,168
NC	14,000	14,072	14,217	13,924	14,098	13,977
OK	5,235	5,401	4,325	4,297	4,346	4,406
PA	2,919	2,824	2,729	*2,741	2,698	2,817
SC	3,608	4,145	4,213	4,009	4,203	4,178
TX	12,310	12,222	11,961	11,959	11,891	12,079
VA	5,146	5,108	5,190	5,071	*5,927	5,450
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,112	14,078	15,201	15,126	*14,782	14,457
19 State Total	169,647	169,064	*168,585	*168,575	*167,405	169,258
Previous Year Total	168,467	168,271	168,773	166,470	167,094	166,340
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	100	101	100	102

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